

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)  
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
			Application Number	10/734,723	
			Filing Date	12/12/2003	
			First Named Inventor	Christophe Lero	
			Group Art Unit	Unassigned	
			Examiner Name	Unassigned	
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	RCIF 1002-2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials <sup>1</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
CP	A1	4,299,533		Ohnaka	11-10-1981	
CP	A2	4,897,015		Abbe et al.	01-30-1990	
CP	A3	5,046,992		Tamai et al.	09-10-1991	
CP	A4	5,178,512		Skrobak	01-12-1993	
CP	A5	5,741,113		Bacchi et al.	04-21-1998	
CP	A6	5,765,983		Caveney et al.	06-16-1998	
CP	A7	5,816,770		Itagaki	10-06-1998	
CP	A8	5,885,052		Tsuji et al.	03-23-1999	
CP	A9	5,984,610		Rush et al.	11-16-1999	
CP	A10	5,993,141		Wytman	11-30-1999	
CP	A11	6,013,920		Gordon et al.	01-11-2000	
CP	A12	6,037,733		Genov et al.	03-14-2000	
CP	A13	6,048,162		Molslehi	04-11-2000	
CP	A14	6,053,688		Cheng	04-25-2000	
CP	A15	6,062,099		Suwa et al.	05-16-2000	
CP	A16	6,099,238		Tsubota	08-08-2000	
CP	A17	6,102,649		Ogawa et al.	08-15-2000	
CP	A18	6,155,131		Suwa et al.	12-05-2000	
CP	A19	6,155,768		Bacchi et al.	12-05-2000	
CP	A20	6,188,323		Rosenquist et al.	02-13-2001	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials <sup>1</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
CP	B1	WO	98/31514		Brooks Automation Inc.	07-23-1998		
CP	B2	WO	00/40379		Brooks Automation Inc.	07-13-2000		
CP	B3	WO	00/41855		Asyst Technologies Inc.	07-20-2000		
CP	B4	WO	00/47501		Asyst Technologies Inc.	08-17-2000		
CP	B5	WO	00/51920		PRI Automation Inc.	09-08-2000		
CP	B6	JP	2000 286319		Canon Inc.	10-13-2000		
	B7							
	B8							
	B9							
	B10							

Examiner Signature <i>CPM</i>	Date Considered 3-8-06
----------------------------------	---------------------------

<sup>1</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>2</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>3</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>4</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>5</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>7</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)  
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0551-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
			Application Number	10/734,723	
			Filing Date	12/12/2003	
			First Named Inventor	Christophe Lero	
			Group Art Unit	Unassigned	
			Examiner Name	Unassigned	
			Attorney Docket Number	RCIF 1002-2	
Sheet	2	of	2		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials <sup>7</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
Ch	A21	6,276,892		Haraguchi et al.	08-21-2001	
Ch	A22	6,293,746		Ogawa et al.	09-25-2001	
Ch	A23	6,297,611		Todorov et al.	10-02-2001	
Ch	A24	6,368,049		Osaka et al.	04-09-2002	
Ch	A25	6,470,927		Otaguro	10-29-2002	
Ch	A26	6,471,037		Matosumoto	10-29-2002	
Ch	A27	6,485,250		Hofmeister	11-26-2002	
Ch	A28	6,517,304		Matsumoto	02-11-2003	
Ch	A29	6,533,521		Todorov et al.	03-18-2003	
Ch	A30	6,541,787		Lin et al.	04-01-2003	
	A31					
	A32					
	A33					
	A34					
	A35					
	A36					
	A37					
	A38					
	A39					
	A40					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials <sup>7</sup>	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	B11							
	B12							
	B13							
	B14							
	B15							
	B16							
	B17							
	B18							
	B19							
	B20							

Examiner Signature <i>Chen G. POK</i>	Date Considered <i>3-8-06</i>
--	----------------------------------

<sup>7</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.